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This weekly digest targets news, events, announcements, articles and research in the vaccine and global health ethics and policy space and is aggregated from key governmental, NGO, international organization and industry sources, key peer-reviewed journals, and other media channels. This summary proceeds from the broad base of themes and issues monitored by the Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy in its work: it is not intended to be exhaustive in its coverage.

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Milestones, Perspectives

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WHO Pandemic Accord – PABS Annex

Resumed

[Intergovernmental Working Group \(IGWG\) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement 27 April – 1 May 2026](#)

Draft revised programme of work - [A/IGWG/6/2 Rev.1](#)

[Live webcast of the close of the IGWG on 01 May 2026](#)

Editor's Note:

The Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement concluded its re-convened sixth session [27 April – 1 May 2026] yesterday with a decision to seek World Health Assembly concurrence that it continue its work and move the target date for a completed PABS mechanism to the 2027 World Health Assembly, or an earlier special WHA session if indicated.

While the news release below positions the results of the meeting, the closing live-streamed session, available [here](#), includes a read-through of the closing report that will be submitted to the upcoming World Health Assembly, closing comments by the WHO DG, and open-commentary from selected stakeholders including South Africa, presenting on behalf of the Africa Group and the Group on Equity, among others. We have not identified any transcripts of the session at this point.

At less than 30 minutes, we recommend listening to the full recording: it provides a clear and candid assessment of progress in concluding a viable PABS mechanism.

[WHO Member States agree to extend negotiations on Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing annex](#)

1 May 2026 *News release* Geneva

Member States of the World Health Organization (WHO) have progressed work on the Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing (PABS) annex, a key part of the WHO Pandemic Agreement, and today **agreed additional time was needed to finalize the framework for ensuring a better, more equitable, response to future pandemics.**

Countries today ended the resumed session of the sixth meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement in Geneva, focused on the PABS system. The outcome of this work will be presented to the Seventy-ninth World Health Assembly (WHA) later this month. Given the need for further negotiations, the **Assembly will be asked to consider continuing IGWG's work as mandated in Resolution WHA78.1 and submit the outcome to the next Assembly in May 2027, or earlier by a special session of WHA in 2026.**

"Real progress was made on the PABS annex and I am confident through continued negotiations differences will be overcome," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "Member States should continue approaching the outstanding issues with a sense of urgency because the next pandemic is a matter of when, not if. The PABS annex is the last piece of the puzzle not only for the Pandemic Agreement but all initiatives that WHO and Member States have implemented as a result of lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic."...

“Finalizing a document of such technical and legal complexity requires precision and dedication, both of which the Member States have demonstrated in full,” said IGWG Bureau Co-Chair Ambassador Tovar da Silva Nunes of Brazil. “We are not there yet, but with an extension of our negotiations, we will get there.”

IGWG Co-Chair Mr Matthew Harpur said: “WHO Member States have demonstrated strong and continuing commitment to negotiations on a Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing system annex. **The IGWG Bureau is confident we are moving in the right direction to finalize the PABS annex,** and in doing so provide the WHO Pandemic Agreement with the framework needed to ensure countries are better, and more equitably, prepared and protected for the next pandemic.”

The IGWG will hold its seventh meeting from 6 to 17 July 2026.

In May 2025, the World Health Assembly adopted the WHO Pandemic Agreement to strengthen how countries prevent, prepare for, and respond to pandemics. It also established an open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG) to carry out key tasks, including drafting and negotiating the PABS system.

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World Medical Association [WMA] Resolution on Childhood Vaccination

[WMA Council Resolution on Childhood Vaccination Schedules](#)

Adopted by the 232nd WMA Council session, Belgrade, Serbia, April 2026

PREAMBLE

The World Medical Association is concerned by changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based.

Although we recognise each country’s independence in health matters, history has shown us time and again how decisions on epidemiological matters can affect the entire world, and even more so in today’s globalised context.

Changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based can lead to the resurgence of diseases previously on the verge of extinction, compromising global health and threatening the future of the children worldwide. An outbreak of measles or meningitis endangers the most vulnerable populations and can spread to other nearby countries, especially those with very limited response capacity.

RECOMMENDATION

Recalling its [Statement on the Priority of Immunisation](#), the **WMA warns against changes to childhood vaccination schedules that are not evidence-based and emphasises the WMA’s commitment to universal vaccination and its importance as a cornerstone of progress in a globalised world.**

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TB Vaccines

[Global forum takes stock of progress on new TB vaccines for adults and adolescents](#)

29 April 2026 *Departmental update*

Participants at a technical summit on progress to accelerate availability of and access to novel tuberculosis (TB) vaccines for adults and adolescents reviewed activities underway through the TB Vaccine Accelerator working groups and other initiatives.

The TB Vaccine Accelerator Forum, hosted by WHO in Geneva from 27-28 April, brought together global, regional and country-level health leaders, funders, vaccine developers, TB advocates and other partners to reinforce the public health need for and potential impact of this new class of TB vaccines and explore further collaboration. At this time, several clinical trials for new TB vaccines remain on track to deliver efficacy results, including some within the next two years...

This was **the first joint meeting of the Accelerator's three working groups to review the status of TB vaccine preparedness** and the Accelerator's achievements across all activities since the initiative was launched by WHO in January 2023.

Moderated panel discussions and open dialogue aimed to create alignment across diverse stakeholders, foster collaboration and identify remaining research and evidence gaps from development to uptake, so new TB vaccines reach at-risk populations, faster...

Meeting highlights

Launch of country preparedness community of practice

An online community of practice for countries interested in adopting novel TB vaccines and partners was launched on the first day of the Forum. The online hub is part of efforts to support countries in preparing for TB vaccine introduction and enable strong community participation and uptake. The platform gives countries and partners a way to share resources and experiences in support of evidence-based decision-making, strengthened delivery approaches, and community partnerships for timely and equitable rollout. The platform is a collaborative effort of WHO and IAVI, hosted by the online community of the Stop TB Partnership Working Group on New TB Vaccines...

Status of TB vaccine development and preparation for global policy

A status update on two vaccine candidates in late-stage clinical development that are intended for global use, M72/AS01E and MTBVAC, was provided by their developers. The scientific update was followed by a panel discussion that aimed to achieve a common understanding of the assumptions, risks and potential scenarios for novel TB vaccines to advance from clinical trials to licensure global and national policy development, country decision making for introduction, and country implementation. Based on recent consultation with WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE), clinical research gaps to support global policy recommendations and country adoption decisions were discussed by the WHO Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for new TB vaccines.

Finance and access priorities

Following the launch in 2025 of the WHO report "[Catalyzing solutions for equitable global access and sustainable financing for novel tuberculosis vaccines for adults and adolescents](#)," the finance and access working group reported that it is moving forward to develop and design urgently needed solutions to ensure timely, equitable and sustainable access to novel TB vaccines. Further efforts will move forward through taskforces focusing on:

- catalytic market shaping and innovative financing mechanisms
- early economic evidence to inform demand and financing decisions
- global financing mapping to identify resource gaps
- regional vaccine manufacturing for novel TB vaccines...





Vaccine Confidence – EMA Advisory Group

[EMA launches new advisory group on vaccine confidence](#)

International panel of high-level experts will support EMA's efforts to strengthen trust in vaccines
29 April 2026

EMA has set up a new advisory group on vaccine confidence, which will advise the Agency on issues related to vaccine hesitancy and help guide its actions to increase science outreach in this area. This **panel, made up of over 20 high-level European and international experts**, meets for the first time on 29 April.

EMA's Executive Director, Emer Cooke commented, "Vaccine hesitancy is a growing global threat to public health. When public trust declines, infectious diseases can reemerge, putting lives at risk. EMA has a vital role to play in sharing fact-based and transparent data, clearly explaining the science behind vaccine approvals to support informed decision making. **The establishment of this new group, bringing together some of the most recognised voices on vaccine confidence, is an important step forward in strengthening our efforts to rebuild trust, protect communities and save lives.**"

The advisory group on vaccine confidence will meet quarterly. It includes academics, representatives of healthcare professionals, medical societies and patient organisations, as well as public health bodies. Its composition and terms of reference are published on EMA's website. For each meeting, meeting summaries will be made available.

The main objectives of the advisory group are to:

- advise on and contribute to the environmental analysis related to the status of vaccine hesitancy
- advise on EMA's ongoing initiatives to increase vaccine confidence
- contribute to improving EMA's communication to the public on the benefits and risks of vaccines
- help amplify the Agency's science outreach and public health messages

The advisory group on vaccine confidence is **part of EMA's Vaccine Outreach Strategy**, a wider approach to increase knowledge and trust in the quality, safety and effectiveness of vaccines, and empower the EU public and healthcare professionals to take well-informed vaccination decisions.

Actions include identifying and addressing public concerns that may affect confidence, collaborating with healthcare professionals and public health initiatives, as well as developing communication materials and campaigns on vaccines...



Measles— Conflict Zones

[Cases of measles surge in conflict zones amid vaccine misinformation and cuts to international aid – Save the Children](#)

Cases of measles increased over 25% in conflict zones last year, amid attacks on health care, aid cuts, vaccine misinformation, and disruption to health systems

LONDON/GENEVA, 23 April 2026 - **Cases of measles increased over 25% in conflict zones last year, with attacks on health care, aid cuts, vaccine misinformation, and disruption to health systems contributing to the worsening crisis**, said Save the Children [1].

With World Immunization Week beginning this Friday, the **aid agency is calling for renewed global efforts to help vaccines reach children** and warns that already in 2026 more than 14,360 cases of the deadly measles virus have been confirmed across 15 countries facing conflict .[2]

Save the Children analysed World Health Organization data and found that in 2025, 18 countries in conflict recorded over 74,340 cases of measles, compared to about 57,800 in 2024 [3]. These countries, despite only representing 15% of the child population in the total number of countries reporting measles cases, accounted for 30% of global measles cases, **showing how countries in conflict are disproportionately more likely to be impacted by a measles outbreak** [4]. In addition, while these numbers are extremely high, the actual number of cases is estimated to be higher still due to underreporting from disrupted and destroyed health systems [5].

While two doses of a safe and highly effective vaccine provides an estimated 97% protection against measles infections, progress in immunisation rates has stalled or reversed in many countries, both conflict and non-conflict affected, amid aid cuts, vaccine misinformation, and disruption to health systems and service delivery [6]. Since it was introduced, the measles vaccine has saved millions of lives globally, including nearly 20 million in Africa alone since 2000 . [7]

In Sudan, three years of conflict have devastated the health system and disrupted vaccine and medical supply chains, fuelling repeated measles outbreaks. Reported cases quintupled between 2024 and 2025 to 7,644, with more than 1,000 additional cases confirmed in the first ten weeks of 2026 alone. [8]

In Nigeria, conflict has combined with disruptions in health services, vaccine stock outs, long-seated vaccine mistrust, and disinformation campaigns to lead to some of the highest numbers of under-vaccinated children in the world according to the UN [9] [10].

[1] Save the Children compared data on the number of confirmed measles cases from the WHO dataset on Provisional Monthly Measles and Rubella Cases, which is published each month here, looking at total number of cases in 2024 (57,825 confirmed cases) and 2025 (74,343) across 18 countries in conflict, calculating the percentage increase in cases between the two years across the group of countries (28.5%). The list of countries in conflict was determined using the 2026 UN OCHA Global Humanitarian Overview (GHO), which was published in 2025 and identifies countries where current conflict is a driver of humanitarian needs. The countries with conflict reporting the most confirmed cases of measles in 2025 include: Yemen (32,448 cases), Nigeria (19,225), Sudan (7,644), Democratic Republic of the Congo (4,320) and Cameroon (4,139).

[2] Data on measles cases from the WHO, Provisional Monthly Measles and Rubella Cases, 15 April 2026. Some of the conflict countries reporting cases already in 2026 include Yemen, Cameroon and Sudan.

[3] See methodology note 1.

[4] There were 254,384 confirmed measles cases globally in 2025, of which 74,343 (29%) were in conflict countries. The total population of all countries reporting confirmed measles cases in 2025 is around 7.7 billion of which the population of conflict countries with confirmed measles cases is 804.7 million (10%). The total child population in measles reporting countries was 2.3 billion of which 337.8 million (15%) are in conflict-affected countries. All population data is taken from UN World Population Prospects.

[5] In November 2025, WHO estimated there were actually 11 million infections in 2024 (using modelled data), showing that estimates of actual cases are much higher than the number of cases confirmed each year due to under-reporting.

[6] <https://www.gavi.org/vaccineswork/vaccines-work-trust-makes-them-reach-every-child>

[7] <https://news.un.org/en/story/2026/04/1167307>

[8] [WHO, Provisional Monthly Measles and Rubella Cases, 15 April 2026](#)

[9] <https://www.gavi.org/vaccineswork/six-things-weve-learned-nigerias-efforts-reach-unimmunised>

[10] WHO/UNICEF Joint Reporting Form on Immunization (JRF), % of children who received 2 doses of the measles vaccine in 2024 (latest data), <https://immunizationdata.who.int>

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Polio – PHEIC

[Polio this week](#) [29 April 2026]

Headlines [Selected]

:: Across borders and challenges: Pakistan and Afghanistan unite to vaccinate millions of children

From 13 to 19 April, Pakistan launched a nationwide campaign aiming to reach more than 45 million children, while Afghanistan simultaneously rolled out its first nationwide campaign of 2026, targeting 12.6 million children under five. Coordinated efforts across borders remain critical to stopping poliovirus transmission. [More](#).

Summary of new polioviruses this week:

:: Pakistan: six WPV1-positive environmental samples

:: Chad: two cVDPV2 cases

:: DR Congo: one cVDPV2 case

:: Malawi: one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

:: Nigeria: one cVDPV2 case and one cVDPV2-positive environmental sample

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WHO & Regional Offices [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.who.int/news>

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[Application period now open for the 2027 update of the WHO Model Lists of Essential](#)

[Medicines](#)

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[WHO expands global biomanufacturing workforce network to strengthen equitable access and health security](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) has designated a network of regional training centres for biomanufacturing across all six WHO regions, marking a major step forward in strengthening the global workforce needed to produce vaccines, biotherapeutics and other biological products.

The designation follows a rigorous global selection process conducted through two calls for expressions of interest and forms part of the [WHO Biomanufacturing Workforce Training Initiative](#) established in 2023. This flagship effort addresses critical skills gaps across the biomanufacturing value chain, enabling countries to translate technological advances into sustainable local production. As global efforts continue to expand manufacturing infrastructure and advance technology transfer, WHO is placing equal emphasis on the people and systems required to make these investments sustainable and impactful...

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[Global forum takes stock of progress on new TB vaccines for adults and adolescents](#)

29 April 2026 *News release*

[Australia becomes the 30th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem](#)

28 April 2026 *News release*

[Efforts to eliminate hepatitis delivers gains but more action needed to meet 2030 targets](#)

27 April 2026 *News release*

[Practicing today for tomorrow's emergencies – WHO convenes countries and partners to simulate response to major disease outbreak](#)

The World Health Organization (WHO) wrapped up Exercise Polaris II, a 2-day high-level simulation exercise, based around an outbreak of a fictional new bacterium spreading across the world. Bringing together 26 countries and territories, 600 health emergency experts and over 25 partners, the exercise, which took place on 22 and 23 April, allowed countries to test their preparedness for pandemics and other major health emergencies, including activating their emergency workforce structures, information flow and coordination with each other, partners and WHO.

Building on the success of [Polaris I](#) held in April 2025, which centered on a fictional virus, each participating country activated its emergency coordination structure and worked under real-life conditions to share information, align policies and surge their workforce...

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WHO Vaccines and Immunization [IVB]

https://www.who.int/health-topics/vaccines-and-immunization#tab=tab_1

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[Convincing to protect: Restoring trust in vaccination in Benin](#)

:: 30 April 2026

[Protecting every generation in Seychelles through vaccines](#)

:: 29 April 2026

[Immunizing hard-to-reach populations in Eritrea](#)

WHO Region of the Americas PAHO

Website not responding at inquiry.

WHO South-East Asia Region SEARO

No new digest content identified.

WHO European Region EURO

No new digest content identified.

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region EMRO

:: [Navigating remote Sindh to deliver life-saving vaccines in Pakistan](#)

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:: ['This work chose me': Pakistan's women vaccinators protecting millions on the frontlines](#)

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:: [Sudan's Federal Ministry of Health leads nationwide polio vaccination campaign to protect over 4.3 million children](#)

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WHO Western Pacific Region

:: 29 April 2026

[Australia becomes the 30th country to eliminate trachoma as a public health problem](#)

28 April 2026

[Keeping Samoa protected through routine immunization for every generation](#)

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WHO - Emergency situation reports

Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations. Latest WHO official reports for emergency situations.

[Multi-country outbreak of mpox, External situation report #65 - 30 April 2026](#)

Overview

This is the 65th situation report for the multi-country outbreak of mpox, which provides details on the global epidemiological situation for mpox, including an update on the global situation as of 31 March 2026, in Africa as of 19 April 2026 and the operational response updates as of 22 April 2026.

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Disease Outbreak News (DONs)

Latest WHO Disease Outbreak News (DONs), providing information on confirmed acute public health events or potential events of concern.

No new digest content identified.

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Weekly Epidemiological Record

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/weekly-epidemiological-record>

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<https://iris.who.int/server/api/core/bitstreams/c31f06c2-fbb5-48e2-a881-ffd92b0b1362/content>

:: From data to life-saving action: how Go. Data strengthened outbreak response in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh

[Reviewed earlier]

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New WHO Publications

<https://www.who.int/publications>

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[**Joint evaluation of the Global Action Plan for Healthy Lives and Well-being for All: Web annexes**](#)

28 April 2026

[**Tracking progress in reducing maternal mortality towards 2030: brief**](#)

28 April 2026

[**Validation of elimination of soil-transmitted helminthiases as a public health problem in children: criteria...**](#)

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[**Preparedness and response to bacterial meningitis outbreaks: toolkit for frontline healthcare workers**](#)

28 April 2026

[**Global hepatitis report 2026**](#)

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Africa

Africa CDC [25 Apr 2026]

<https://africacdc.org/>

Press Releases, Statements [Selected]

[**Africa CDC Launches African High-Level Ministerial Committee to Shape Global Health Architecture Reform**](#)

28 April 2026

Nairobi, Kenya | 27 April 2026 — Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) today launched the African High-Level Ministerial Committee on Global Health Architecture Reform (AHLMC) on the margins of the World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya.

The Committee brings together Ministers of Health and Finance from across the continent to consolidate Africa's voice, strengthen political coordination, and advance a unified African position on global health governance reform. It is designed to provide stewardship,

strategic coherence, and accountability for Africa’s engagement across interconnected reform processes, including the Pandemic Agreement and related annexes, International Health Regulations implementation discussions, UN80-linked reforms, and wider global health financing debates.

“Africa carries a disproportionate burden of disease, yet its voice in global decision-making remains limited,” said H.E. Mahmoud Ali Youssouf, Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC). “This is not sustainable, and it is not acceptable. With the Committee, we will speak with one voice—stronger, clearer, and more influential—in shaping global health policies.”

The launch comes at a pivotal moment for global health. Recent crises—including COVID-19, mpox, cholera, Marburg outbreaks, antimicrobial resistance, and climate-related health risks—have exposed structural inequities in access to medical countermeasures, technology transfer, data, and financing. At the same time, declining external support is placing additional pressure on African health systems. Speakers warned that Official Development Assistance for health fell by an estimated USD 31.1 billion in 2025, with further reductions expected in 2026, underscoring the urgency of more resilient, equitable, and better-aligned health governance and financing arrangements...

The Committee will serve as a high-level platform to translate political commitment into concrete outcomes, including coordinated African positions in global negotiations, strengthened domestic financing, and expanded access to essential health products.

“The establishment of the High-Level Committee is timely and necessary. It signals that Africa is organising itself with purpose, coherence, and a united voice to influence reform of the global health architecture,” said Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Chair of the Committee...

“This moment is not about rhetoric; it is about responsibility. That means ensuring health funding is predictable and aligned with national priorities; strengthening institutions so that primary healthcare, data systems, and workforce capacity are foundational; and advancing equity, so that access to vaccines and technology is guided not by geography, but by humanity.”...

Press Releases

[Africa CDC and Africa Frontline First Strengthen Partnership to Accelerate Community Health Workforce Expansion](#)

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China – CDC+

National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China [25 Apr 2026]

<http://en.nhc.gov.cn/>

News

[NHC minister meets with WHO regional director for Western Pacific](#)

On April 24, Lei Haichao, minister of the National Health Commission, met in Beijing with Saia Ma'u Piukala, World Health Organization (WHO) regional director for the Western Pacific, and they had in-depth discussions on bilateral cooperation.

National Medical Products Administration – PRC [25 Apr 2026]

<http://english.nmpa.gov.cn/>

News

No new digest content identified.

China CDC

CCDC Weekly Reports: Current Volume (8)

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- [Commentary: World Malaria Day 2026: Driven to End Malaria](#)
- [Vital Surveillances: Comparative Epidemiology and Transmission Risk Assessment of Imported and Indigenous Dengue Fever at the National and Selected Provincial Levels, China, 2005–2025](#)
- [Preplanned Studies: A Topographic Analysis of Malaria Transmission — Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, 2019–2022](#)
- [Methods and Applications: Klebsiella pneumoniae Genome Database: A Global Resource for Genomic Surveillance of Dissemination, Pathogenicity, and Antimicrobial Resistance](#)

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Europe

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en>

News/Updates/Reports/Publications [Selected]

[ECDC launches new monthly mpox surveillance report as transmission continues in Europe](#)

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[EU science chiefs highlight importance of research by EU agencies in driving policy](#)

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[EU-ANSA Statement on Research Engagement](#)

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Joint statement from members of EU-ANSA reaffirming the central role of EU agencies in driving evidence based EU policy

[ECDC showcases upcoming open-source surveillance platform Epi+ in Luxembourg](#)

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Surveillance and monitoring

[Invasive pneumococcal disease - Annual Epidemiological Report for 2023](#)

20 April 2026

Surveillance and monitoring

[Monthly measles and rubella monitoring report - February 2026](#)

20 April 2026

European Medicines Agency [EMA]

<https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/news>

News & Press Releases

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International panel of high-level experts will support EMA's efforts to strengthen trust in vaccines

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India

National Centre for Disease Control

Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare

Announcements

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U.S. Immunization and Public Health Governance/Policy/Funding

Given the continuing extraordinary situation in the U.S., we have established a separate section of the digest to capture and organize key content. Please note that we will selectively include external analysis and comment, either boxing or indenting this content under the relevant organization/action. We recognize that despite the volume of content in this section, this summary is indicative and not exhaustive

Executive Branch - White House, State, HHS, FDA, CDC+

White House

Presidential Actions – Executive Orders; Memoranda; Proclamations

No new digest content identified.

Department of State

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Press Statement

No new digest content identified.

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Press Room - Selected

No new digest content identified.

[Estimated Impacts of Rotavirus Vaccine Recommendation Changes in the U.S.](#)

Ernest O. Asare, Jiye Kwon, Melanie H. Chitwood, Stephanie Perniciaro, Gregg S. Gonsalves, Virginia E. Pitzer

medRxiv 2026.04.27.26351857; doi:

<https://doi.org/10.64898/2026.04.27.26351857> *PREPRINT*

Abstract

In January 2026, the United States Department of Health and Human Services downgraded the recommendation for infant immunization with rotavirus vaccine to one of shared clinical decision-making. We use a validated model for the transmission dynamics of rotavirus to predict the magnitude and timing of increases in the number of rotavirus hospitalizations in the US and in representative states given possible decreases in vaccine coverage. Rotavirus hospitalizations are likely to increase within two to three years following a drop in vaccine coverage, resulting in over 200,000 hospitalizations between July 2026-June 2031 if coverage were to drop to 20%. The burden is likely to fall disproportionately on southern states that currently experience higher rates of rotavirus hospitalization.

NIH [to 25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.nih.gov/>

News Releases

No new digest content identified.

FDA

Press Announcements

No new digest content identified.

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What's New for Biologics

[April 30, 2026 Approval Letter - ROTARIX](#)

[April 30, 2026 Approval Letter - AREXVY](#)

[April 29, 2026 Approval Letter - HEMGENIX](#)

[April 28, 2026 Approval Letter - AREPANRIX](#)

FDA VRBPAC [Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee]

Advisory Committee Calendar

[Notice of Meeting; Establishment of a Public Docket; Request for Comments](#) -United States (U.S.) 2026-2027 Formula for COVID-19 Vaccine Composition - **May 28, 2026**, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time. A Notice by the Food and Drug Administration on 04/27/2026

FDA Pediatric Advisory Committee Meeting

Advisory Committee Calendar

No future meetings posted.

CDC

<http://www.cdc.gov/media/index.html>

Latest News - Selected

No new digest content identified.

CDC – Immunization Safety Office (ISO)

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccine-safety-systems/about/cdc-monitoring-program.html>

No new digest content identified [last updated August 7, 2024]

ACIP

2026 Meetings Schedule

- ~~February 25-27~~ [*Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted*]
- ~~March 18-19~~ [*Cancelled without notice; no agenda content posted*]
- June 24-25
- October 21-22

National Vaccine Advisory Committee (NVAC)

<https://www.hhs.gov/vaccines/about/index.html>

Upcoming Meetings/Latest Updates

No 2025-26 meeting dates posted.

Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)

<https://www.hrsa.gov/advisory-committees/vaccines/meetings>

Next ACCV meetings – TBD

MMWR Weekly

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/index2026.html>

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:: [Large Tuberculosis Outbreaks — United States, 2017–2023](#)

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No new digest content identified.

[Trump ousts National Science Board members](#)

Washington Post, 25 April 2026

By Carolyn Y. Johnson

Multiple scientists who serve on an independent board established to guide the nation's nearly \$9 billion basic science funding agency were terminated from their positions Friday by President Donald Trump.

Members of the National Science Board, which helps govern the National Science Foundation, were dismissed in a message from the Presidential Personnel Office thanking them for their service, according to screenshots shared with The Washington Post: "On behalf of President Donald J. Trump, I'm writing to inform you that your position as a member of the National Science Board is terminated, effective immediately."..

It's unclear how many members of the board were dismissed and whether they will be replaced. A National Science Foundation spokesman referred questions to the White House. The White House did not immediately respond to inquiries about why the members were terminated...

[National Academies Presidents' Statement on Value of National Science Board](#)

Statement Apr 28, 2026

For decades, the National Science Board has overseen the National Science Foundation and provided support for the American research enterprise that is central to the nation's economic and geopolitical leadership. Sustained research investment guided by independent, expert oversight is critical for ensuring the long-term health, economic prosperity, and security of the U.S., particularly in the era of AI. Long-standing structures that ensure continuity across administrations — like the National Science Board — have been a cornerstone of this success.

As an independent, nonprofit institution established to provide objective advice to the nation, the National Academies remain committed to supporting informed decision-making on issues critical to the country's future, including the stewardship of the U.S. research enterprise. Our collective membership comprises experienced leaders and experts across all disciplines of science, engineering, and medicine, committed to the advisory mission of the National Academies to help ensure the long-term competitiveness of the U.S.

Marcia McNutt

President, National Academy of Sciences

Tsu-Jae Liu

President, National Academy of Engineering

Victor J. Dzau

President, National Academy of Medicine

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U.S. Congress

HHS Secretary Robert F Kennedy Jr. testified before a number of Congressional committees/subcommittees over the last two weeks as below. The hearings focused on the HHS budget, but included extensive exchanges around vaccines/immunization:

House Ways and Means Committee

Full committee hearing

[Full Committee Hearing with Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.](#)

April 16, 2026

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

[Budget Hearing - Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Thursday, April 16, 2026 - 2:00 PM Witnesses - The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health

[Subcommittee on Health hearing to discuss the Department of Health and Human Services FY 2027](#)

[Budget](#) Robert F Kennedy Jr, HHS

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies

Subcommittee Hearing

[A Review of the President's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Request for the Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 Robert F Kennedy Jr, HHS

Senate Finance Committee

Full Committee Hearing

[The President's Fiscal Year 2027 Department of Health and Human Services Budget](#)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 Robert F Kennedy Jr, HHS

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee

Full Committee Hearing

[Hearing on Fiscal Year 2027 Department of Health and Human Services Budget](#)

Date: Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026 Robert F Kennedy Jr, HHS

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Supreme Court, Federal & Appellate Courts

O'Neill Institute – Health Care Litigation Tracker [Georgetown University]

<https://litigationtracker.law.georgetown.edu/>

No new digest content identified.

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U.S. Medical, Scientific, Professional Societies; Health Organizations

This inventory is evolving and may not capture all instances of relevant comment and analysis.

American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

<https://www.aafp.org/news/media-center.html>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

No new digest content identified.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

<https://www.aap.org/en/news-room/news-releases-from-the-aap/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American College of Physicians (ACP)

<https://www.acponline.org/more-acp-news>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

ACP News

No new digest content identified.

America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

<https://www.ahip.org/news>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.

American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

<https://www.americangeriatrics.org/media-center>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

Recent Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Medical Association (AMA)

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA)

<https://osteopathic.org/news/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

American Public Health Association (APHA)

<https://www.apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases?sortFieldName=ItemDate&sortDisplayName=Newest&sortMode=desc>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA)

<https://www.idsociety.org/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

Top News

No new digest content identified.

National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)

<https://www.nfid.org/news-updates/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

News and Updates

April 27, 2026

[Advancing Prevention in a Complex Respiratory Season](#)

2025–2026 Respiratory Campaign round-up: NFID and partners urge immunization to help protect against COVID-19, flu, RSV, and pneumococcal disease

National Medical Association (NMA)

<https://nmanet.org/blog/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

Latest News

No new digest content identified.

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

<https://pids.org/news-announcements/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

News & Announcements

No new digest content identified.

Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)

<https://shea-online.org/news/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

No new digest content identified.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM)

<https://www.smfm.org/>

(Accessed 25 Apr 2026)

News

No new digest content identified.



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Civil Society – Individuals, Organizations, Institutions *[Selected]*

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Kaiser Family Foundation/KFF [25 Apr 2026]

https://www.kff.org/search/?post_type=press-release

[Estimating Effectiveness of Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccines: The "Test-Negative" Design](#)

Apr 30, 2026 *Issue Brief*

This brief summarizes the "test-negative" methodology for estimating the effectiveness of influenza and COVID-19 vaccines, noting its strengths and potential limitations. This design is used in a CDC-led COVID-19 vaccine study that HHS decided not to publish.

[U.S. Global Health Budget Tracker](#)

Apr 29, 2026 *Feature*

This tracker provides regularly updated information on U.S. government funding for global health. It includes historical trends and tracks funding levels for U.S. global health efforts through bilateral and multilateral contributions and by program area and agency.

[KFF Tracker: America First MOU Bilateral Global Health Agreements](#)

Apr 27, 2026 *Tracker*

This tracker provides up-to-date information on countries with signed bilateral MOU global health agreements with the U.S.

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Vaccine Integrity Project – CIDRAP [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/vaccine-integrity-project>

Announcements, Viewpoints

No new digest content identified.

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Center for Vaccine Ethics & Policy - GE2P2 Global Foundation [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.net/>

[Response to WHO Public Consultation 2.0 on Global Health Architecture Reform :: 30 April 2026](#)

A Joint Process to support reforms of the Global Health Architecture (GHA)

Proposed adjustments based on 1st round of consultations

Material for 2nd Consultation :: Overview of Proposed Joint Process - updated

20 April 2026

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Paul Offit, MD – *Beyond the Noise*

Substack: <https://pauloffit.substack.com/>

[Collateral Damage](#)

A recent Instagram post by a pediatrician showed that the damage caused by the anti-vaccine movement isn't limited to outbreaks of preventable infections.

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Organization Announcements

Paul G. Allen Frontiers Group [25 Apr 2026]

<https://alleninstitute.org/news-press/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Gates Foundation [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.gatesfoundation.org/ideas/media-center>

Press Releases & Statements

No new digest content identified.

CARB-X [25 Apr 2026]

<https://carb-x.org/>

News

04.30.2026 |

[CARB-X releases 2025 Annual Report highlighting portfolio momentum and new funding](#)

CARB-X today published its 2025 Annual Report documenting continued progress across the portfolio, the addition of new funding partnerships with G7 nations, and growing contributions to strengthen the antimicrobial resistance (AMR) ecosystem.

04.28.2026 |

[CARB-X awards funding to AdJane to advance its nOMV platform-derived vaccine for the prevention of gonorrhea](#)

CARB-X is awarding US\$2.6 million to AdJane to advance the development of a vaccine candidate to prevent infections caused by *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (*N. gonorrhoeae*). AdJane is a clinical-stage vaccine platform company based in the Netherlands that utilizes its native Outer Membrane Vesicle (nOMV) platform to address antimicrobial resistance, pandemic preparedness, and global health challenges.

Chan Zuckerberg Initiative [25 Apr 2026]

<https://chanzuckerberg.com/newsroom/>

Newsroom

No new digest content identified.

CEPI – Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations [25 Apr 2026]

<http://cepi.net/>

CEPI News, Blog

No new digest content identified.

CIOMS – COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF MEDICAL SCIENCES [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://cioms.ch/>

News; Publications; Events

No new digest content identified.

DARPA – Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency [U.S.] [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.darpa.mil/news>

News

No new digest content identified.

DNDI – Drugs for Neglected Diseases Initiative [25 Apr 2026]

<https://dndi.org/press/press-releases/>

Press Releases

[Thailand registers ravidasvir, a simple-to-use and effective antiviral for hepatitis C, expanding treatment options for Thai patients](#)

The antiviral ravidasvir was developed through a unique model of South-South collaboration aimed at developing an affordable and accessible treatment.

Bangkok/Geneva — 27 Apr 2026

Duke Global Health Innovation Center [25 Apr 2026]

<https://dukeghic.org/>

News

No new digest content identified.

EDCTP [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.edctp.org/>

The European & Developing Countries Clinical Trials Partnership (EDCTP) aims to accelerate the development of new or improved drugs, vaccines, microbicides and diagnostics against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as well as other poverty-related and neglected infectious diseases in sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on phase II and III clinical trials

News

28 April 2026

[EDCTP Association and University of Oxford to partner for a new GloPID-R Secretariat term](#)

Emory Vaccine Center [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.vaccines.emory.edu/>

Vaccine Center News

No new digest content identified.

European Vaccine Initiative [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.euvaccine.eu/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Fondation Merieux [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.fondation-merieux.org/>

Actualités

No new digest content identified.

Gates Medical Research Institute [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.gatesmri.org/news>

The Gates Medical Research Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to the discovery, development and effective use of novel biomedical interventions addressing substantial global health concerns, for which investment incentives are limited.

News: Articles and Publications

[Interferon-gamma release assay positivity in populations at high risk of TB infection](#)

April 14, 2026•IJTLD CRD

[A mixed-method study to inform the development of long-acting injectable TB treatments](#)

April 14, 2026•IJTLD CRD

Gavi [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.gavi.org/>

News Releases

29 April 2026

[The Government of Burundi introduces the HPV vaccine to protect girls and prevent cervical cancer](#)

28 April 2026

[IRC, through Gavi's ZIP programme, surpass 30 million vaccine doses, reaching over 1 million zero-dose children in crisis settings](#)

GE2P2 Global Foundation [25 Apr 2026]

www.ge2p2.org

News/Analysis/Publications-Digests/Statements/Digests

:: [Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review](#) - Current edition

:: [Informed Consent: A Monthly Review – May 2025](#)

:: [Public Consultations Watch :: Global Calls for Input/Public Comment – 01 May 2026](#)

:: [Genomics, Gene Editing, Convergent Biosciences: Governance, Ethics, Policy, Practice – A Monthly Review – Nov 2025](#)

GHIT Fund [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.ghitfund.org/newsroom/press>

Press Releases

No new digest content identified.

Global Fund [to 25 Apr 2026]
<https://www.theglobalfund.org/en/news/>
News Releases
No new digest content identified.

Global Research Collaboration for Infectious Disease Preparedness [GloPID-R] [25 Apr 2026]
<https://www.glopid-r.org/>
News & Events

[EDCTP Association and University of Oxford to partner for a new GloPID-R Secretariat term](#)

27/04/2026

We are pleased to announce that, from 1st May, 2026, the EDCTP Association in The Hague, the Netherlands, in partnership with the Pandemic Sciences Institute, University of Oxford, has secured funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation framework programme to host the GloPID-R Secretariat for the next three years.

Hilleman Laboratories [25 Apr 2026]
<http://www.hilleman-labs.org/>
News & Insights
No new digest content identified.

HHMI - Howard Hughes Medical Institute [25 Apr 2026]
<https://www.hhmi.org/news>
Press Room
No new digest content identified.

Human Immunome Project [nee Human Vaccines Project] [25 Apr 2026]
<https://www.humanimmunomeproject.org/>
News
No new digest content identified.

IAVI [25 Apr 2026]
<https://www.iavi.org/>
Press Releases, Features
No new digest content identified.

INSERM [25 Apr 2026]
<https://www.inserm.fr/en/home/>
Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities [ICMRA]
<http://www.icmra.info/drupal/en/news>

Selected Statements, Press Releases, Research
No new digest content identified.

ICH [International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use] [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.ich.org/>

News/Pubs/Press Releases [Selected]

Ongoing Public Consultations	^
> E22 EWG General Considerations for Patient Preference Studies	
> M4Q(R2) EWG Revision of M4Q(R1)	

<https://www.ich.org/page/public-consultations>

ICRC [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.icrc.org/en/news>

Latest press releases and statements

No new digest content identified.

IFFIm [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.iffim.org/>

Press Releases/Announcements

No new digest content identified.

IFRC [to 25 Apr 2026]

<http://media.ifrc.org/ifrc/news/press-releases/>

Press releases

[IFRC launching Global Migration and Displacement Platform](#)

01/05/2026 | Press release

The IFRC is launching its Global Migration and Displacement Platform in response to the growing needs of people on the move and the number of fatalities along migration routes.

IPPS - International Pandemic Preparedness Secretariat [25 Apr 2026]

<https://ippsecretariat.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified.

Institut Pasteur [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.pasteur.fr/en/press-area>

Press Documents

No new digest content identified.

InterAcademy Partnership (IAP)

<https://www.interacademies.org>

News

No new digest content identified.

ISC / International Science Council [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://council.science/current/>

ISC is a non-governmental organization with a unique global membership that brings together 40 international scientific Unions and Associations and over 140 national and regional scientific organizations including Academies and Research Councils.

News

29 April 2026 - 5 min read

[As global tensions rise, ISC leads a major EU initiative to scale up scientific cooperation internationally](#)

BRUSSELS – Entering its second phase, the European Commission is joining forces with the International Science Council (ISC) to expand its multilateral dialogue on research and innovation collaboration to the global level.

International Union of Immunological Societies (IUIS)

<https://iuis.org/>

News, Resources

No new digest content identified.

IVAC [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/ivac/index.html>

Updates; Events

No new digest content identified.

IVI [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.ivi.int/>

IVI News & Announcements

[IVI Global Council convenes in Manila to shape long-term strategic direction and advance vaccine self-reliance](#)

MANILA, Philippines, 29 April 2026 – The Global Council of the International Vaccine Institute (IVI) convened on 28 April in Manila, bringing together representatives of IVI member states and partners to provide strategic guidance on the international organization’s future direction and governance. Hosted by the Government of the Philippines in its capacity as President of the Global Council, the meeting underscored IVI’s expanding role in advancing vaccine equity, regional capacity, and sustainable health security.

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security [25 Apr 2026]

<https://centerforhealthsecurity.org/newsroom>

Center News [Selected]

No new digest content identified.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom.html>

Latest News and Highlights

No new digest content identified.

MSF/Médecins Sans Frontières [to 25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.msf.org/>

Latest [Selected Announcements]

Benin

[MSF brings support to newly arrived refugees in Benin](#)

Project Update 30 Apr 2026

Attacks on medical care

[Attacks on healthcare: Medical staff deserve more than empty words](#)

Press Release 30 Apr 2026

Gaza-Israel war

[Water as a weapon: Israel's destruction and deprivation of water and sanitation in Gaza](#)

Report 28 Apr 2026

Gaza-Israel war

[Israel uses water as a weapon of collective punishment against Palestinians in Gaza](#)

Press Release 28 Apr 2026

National Academies-Sciences-Engineering-Medicine [NASEM]- USA [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.nationalacademies.org/newsroom>

News

[Supporting Responsible Innovation of Synthetic Cells](#)

Announcement

Synthetic cell technology has the potential to offer innovative solutions in health, environmental sciences, agriculture, and manufacturing. A new National Academies report examines how this emerging field can advance and makes recommendations to ensure research develops in ways that are safe, secure, and responsive to societal needs while managing uncertainty and risk.

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[National Academies Presidents' Statement on Value of National Science Board](#)

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National Academy of Medicine - USA [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://nam.edu/programs/>

News, Stories, Insights

[NAM Outlines a Path to Align Action with Individual and Community Health Goals](#)

Published April 27, 2026

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) today released guidance on approaches to ensure that the U.S. health system aligns with the goals, preferences, priorities, and lived experiences of the people it serves.

Authored by a multidisciplinary expert working group, the paper calls for a fundamental shift in how health care, public health, and the health science enterprise define success—moving from a system largely focused on services, transactions and provider system priorities to one that is fundamentally grounded in the goals and expectations of individuals and communities.

PATH [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.path.org/media-center/Newsroom> [Selected]
No new digest content identified.

Sabin Vaccine Institute [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.sabin.org/press/>
Latest News & Press Releases
No new digest content identified.

UNAIDS [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.unaids.org/en>
News, Stories, Updates
Feature Story

[Achieving and sustaining viral suppression among people living with HIV in Trinidad & Tobago](#)

27 April 2026

UNICEF [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.unicef.org/media/press-releases>

Latest press releases, news notes and statements [Selected]
Statement 01 May 2026

[UNICEF calls for the protection of children, schools and health facilities following deadly attacks in Mali](#)

DAKAR/NEW YORK – 1 May 2026. , “The recent attacks in Bamako, Mopti, Gao, Kati and Kidal that started on 25 April 2026 have shown, yet again, that it is children who are paying the highest price of ongoing violence in Mali. “Initial reports indicate that civilians, including children, were killed and injured durin...

Statement 01 May 2026

[Migration systems and policies must uphold the rights of children – UNICEF](#)

NEW YORK, 1 May 2026 – , “As countries convene for the International Migration Review Forum, the world faces a global turning point in how migration systems affect children. Globally, new laws, enforcement practices, and bilateral arrangements are rapidly changing. “What is at stake is profound: whether children w...

Press release 28 April 2026

[Hunger intensifies in South Sudan as 7.8 million people face high acute food insecurity and 2.2 million children suffer acute malnutrition](#)

ROME/NEW YORK, 28 April 2026 – , The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and UNICEF today warned that a deepening hunger crisis in South Sudan is pushing 7.8 million people into high levels of acute food insecurity (IPC Phase 3 or above) between April and July 2026, according to...

Remarks 28 April 2026

["Children in Darfur have reached a breaking point"](#)

GENEVA/PORT SUDAN, 28 April 2028, – “Twenty years ago, Darfur shocked the world. An entire generation of children became victims or survivors of terrible atrocities. Images of burned villages, death and mass displacement sparked global outrage and action. As always, children were at the sharpest end of the cris...

Unitaid [25 Apr 2026]

<https://unitaid.org/>

News releases

[Japan commits US\\$ 6.7 million to expand life-saving oxygen access and strengthen pandemic preparedness](#)

31 March 2026

Vaccine Equity Cooperative [nee Initiative] [25 Apr 2026]

<https://vaccineequitycooperative.org/news/>

News

No new digest content identified. [Last update Jun 30, 2023]

Vaccine Confidence Project [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.vaccineconfidence.org/>

News, Research and Reports

No new digest content identified.

Vaccine Education Center – Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center>

News

[Vaccine Update Newsletter April 2026](#)

Wellcome Trust [25 Apr 2026]

<https://wellcome.org/>

News. Opinion, Reports

No new digest announcements identified.

The Wistar Institute [to 25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.wistar.org/news/press-releases>

Press Releases

April 27, 2026

[Researchers from The Wistar Institute and ChristianaCare Identify Promising New Therapeutic Target for Pancreatic Cancer](#)

Study shows that damaged mitochondria leak double-stranded RNA within cancer cells, causing inflammation that fuels cancer growth

World Bank [to 25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/all>

News [Selected]

No new digest announcements identified.

WFPHA: World Federation of Public Health Associations [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.wfpha.org/>

Blog, Events

No new digest announcements identified.

World Medical Association [WMA] [to 06 Sep 025]

<https://www.wma.net/news-press/press-releases/>

Press Releases

[Physician leaders adopt Resolution reaffirming childhood vaccination as a global public health priority](#)

27th April 2026

World Organisation for Animal Health [OIE] [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.oie.int/>

Press Releases, Statements

No new digest announcements identified.

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ARM [Alliance for Regenerative Medicine] [25 Apr 2026]

<https://alliancerm.org/press-releases/>

Selected Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

BIO [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.bio.org/press-releases>

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

DCVMN – Developing Country Vaccine Manufacturers Network [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.dcvmn.org/>

News; Upcoming events

No new digest announcements identified.

EFPIA – European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

<https://www.efpia.eu/news-events/>

News & Events

No new digest announcements identified.

ICBA – International Council of Biotechnology Associations [25 Apr 2026]

<https://internationalbiotech.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

IFPMA [25 Apr 2026]

<https://ifpma.org/>

News & Resources

Statement 30 Apr 2026

Sixth resumed meeting of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG 6) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement: PABS instrument

On 30 April 2026, IFPMA delivered a statement at the Sixth resumed meeting of the open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG 6) on the WHO Pandemic Agreement.

International Alliance of Patients' Organizations – IAPO [25 Apr 2026]

<https://www.iapo.org.uk/news>

Press and media [Selected]

No new digest announcements identified.

International Generic and Biosimilar Medicines Association [IGBA]

<https://www.igbamedicines.org/>

News

No new digest announcements identified.

PhRMA [25 Apr 2026]

<http://www.phrma.org/>

Press Releases

No new digest announcements identified.

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Vaccines/Therapeutics/Medicines – Selected Developer/Manufacturer Announcements

We recognize that this listing is indicative but certainly not exhaustive. We invite nomination of other vaccine developers for potential addition to those monitored below.

AstraZeneca

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Bavarian Nordic

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioCubaFarma – Cuba

Últimas Noticias - No new digest announcements identified.

Biological E

News - No new digest announcements identified.

BioNTech

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Boehringer

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

CanSinoBIO

News - Website not responding at inquiry.

CIGB

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

CinnaGen – Iran

Recent News - Website not responding at inquiry.

Clover Biopharmaceuticals – China

News - No new digest announcements identified.

CSL Seqirus

News Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Curevac

News - Website now directs to BioNTech site

Dailchi Sankyo

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Gamaleya National Center/Sputnik

Latest News and Events - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 09 Nov 2020]

<https://sputnikvaccine.com/> - No new digest announcements identified [Last: 31 Aug 2022]

GSK

Press releases for media - No new digest announcements identified.

EuBiologics, S Korea

News - No new digest announcements identified.

HIPRA

Press releases - No new digest announcements identified.

JNJ Innovative Medicine [Janssen]

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Merck

News releases - No new digest announcements identified April 17, 2026

Moderna

News and Blog Posts - No new digest announcements identified.

Nanogen

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novartis

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Novavax

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Pfizer

Recent Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

R-Pharm

<https://rpharm-us.com/index.php>

[No news or media page identified]

Samsung Biologics

Latest News - No new digest announcements identified.

Sanofi Pasteur

Press Releases

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[Press Release: Annual General Meeting of April 29, 2026 - Belén Garijo appointed as Director and Chief Executive Officer of Sanofi](#)

Serum Institute

News & Announcements

Saturday, April 25, 2026

[KM Biologics Co. Ltd. Enters into a Technology Collaboration with Serum Institute Of India](#)

April 28, 2026 - Press Release

Meiji Seika Pharma Co., Ltd. (Headquarters: Tokyo, Japan; President and Representative Director: Toshiaki Nagasato) hereby announces that KM Biologics Co., Ltd., a group company of Meiji Seika Pharma, has entered into a technology collaboration with Serum Institute of India Private Limited (SII), a Cyrus Poonawalla group company and the world's largest vaccine manufacturer, for the development and manufacturing of a Japanese encephalitis vaccine, and has achieved the first milestone under this collaboration.

Sinopharm/WIBPBIBP

News - No new digest announcements identified.

Sinovac

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

SK Biosciences

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

Takeda

Newsroom - No new digest announcements identified.

Valneva

Press Releases - No new digest announcements identified.

WestVac Biopharma

Media - No new digest announcements identified.

Zhifei Longcom, China

[Anhui Zhifei Longcom Biologic Pharmacy Co., Ltd.]

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Journal Watch

Vaccines and Global Health: The Week in Review continues its weekly scanning of key peer-reviewed journals to identify and cite articles, commentary and editorials, books reviews and other content supporting our focus on vaccine ethics and policy. Journal Watch is not intended to be exhaustive, but indicative of themes and issues the Center is actively tracking. We selectively provide full text of some editorial and comment articles that are specifically relevant to our work. Successful access to some of the links provided may require subscription or other access arrangement unique to the publisher.

If you would like to suggest other journal titles to include in this service, please contact David Curry at: david.r.curry@centerforvaccineethicsandpolicy.org

AJOB Empirical Bioethics

Volume 17 2026 Issue 1

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uabr21/current>

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AMA Journal of Ethics

Volume 27, Number 12: E823-875 December 2025

<https://journalofethics.ama-assn.org/issue/aging-bad-you>

Aging Is Bad for You?

At some point along life's trajectory, growing becomes aging. Gerotherapeutics—biologically-based approaches to health that target processes of aging—seem poised to respond. This theme issue investigates ethical valences of what gerotherapeutics suggest about our socially, culturally, and historically entrenched patterns of pathologizing and medicalizing aging. Advancement in our understanding of physiological mechanisms of aging has prompted some to reconceive lifespans as health spans. Geroscience also suggests the need to critically evaluate whether and to what extent we should think of anti-aging ventures as legitimate enterprises of health care. Normative roles played by aging in our personal and relational narratives, in our expectations about how duration and quality of life confer value to life, and in how life extension promotes or undermines our notions of wisdom and a good life are all at stake.

American Journal of Human Genetics

Apr 02, 2026 Volume 113 Issue 4 p637-888

<https://www.cell.com/ajhg/current>

This month in The Journal

Paul W. Hook, Alyson B. Barnes

Polygenic risk scores (PRSs) are promising tools that have the potential to help translate findings from genetic association studies into clinically meaningful health insights. As work on PRSs has increased, it has become clear that the accuracy of their predictions varies between and within ancestry groups. These performance issues have been primarily attributed to differences in genetic architectures between the populations used to construct scores and the populations or individuals in which the scores are applied.

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American Journal of Infection Control

May 2026 Volume 54 Issue 5 p473-592

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May 2026 Volume 70 Issue 5

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American Journal of Public Health

May 2026 116(5)

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Volume 114 (2026): Issue 4 (Apr 2026)

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Annals of Internal Medicine

April 2026 Volume 179, Issue 4

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Volume 354 May 2026

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/artificial-intelligence/vol/354/suppl/C>

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<http://resource-allocation.biomedcentral.com/>

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BMC Health Services Research

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BMC Infectious Diseases

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[Human papillomavirus vaccine uptake and associated factors among schoolgirls in Sululta and Chancho towns, Central Ethiopia: a cross-sectional study](#)

Habtamu Mekonnen Kessessa, Alemu Tekewe Mogus, Yimtubezinash Woldeamanuel

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Cesar Augusto Pascali Rago, Maykon Anderson Pires de Novais, Paola Zucchi

Research Open access 01 May 2026

[“Why should I pay for this vaccine?” – Norwegian adolescents views on meningococcal vaccination](#)

Rebecca Nybru Gleditsch, Sara Viksmoen Watle, Trine Skogset Ofitserova

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[Institutional factors influencing vaccine access in Canada: a scoping review](#)

Subrana Rahman, Charlotte Zhang, Jillian Kohler

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April 2026 - Volume 31 - 2

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April 2026 - Volume 11 - 4

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Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists

DIGITAL MAGAZINE - March 2026

<https://thebulletin.org/magazine/2026-03/>

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Bulletin of the World Health Organization

Volume 104, Number 4, April 2026, 209-284

<https://www.who.int/publications/journals/bulletin>

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Apr 16, 2026 Volume 189 Issue 8 p2195-2516

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Volume 52, Issue 2 March 2026

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Volume 119, Issue 4 Pages: 813-1111 April 2026

<https://ascpt.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/toc/15326535/current>

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April 2026 Volume 48 Issue 4 p299-396

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Volume 23 Issue 2, April 2026

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Volume 163 April 2026

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Volume 9 Issue 2, April 2026

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Volume 13, Issue 1 December 2025

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Volume 42, Issue 1, 2026

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April 2026 - Volume 39 - Issue 2

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Volume 26, Issue 1 Pages: 1-80 March 2026

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Volume 36, 2026 Issue 2

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Volume 44, Issue 3 May 2026

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Volume 20 - 2026

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Volume 32, Number 3—March 2026

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Volume 54 March 2026

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March/April 2026 Volume 105, Number 2

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Volume 53, 2026 - Issue 1

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Volume 19, Issue 1 (2026)

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Apr 14, 2026 Volume 59 Issue 4 p801-1164

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Immunological memory to vaccines

Shane Crotty, Open Access

The generation of immune memory is at the crux of vaccine efficacy. Here, Crotty reviews the layers of adaptive immunity—T cell, B cells, and antibodies—and their integration to generate a holistic view of vaccine response. Common misconceptions and questions in the field are also highlighted to guide future vaccine considerations.

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Volume 18, Issue 2, March 2026

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Volume 54 - Issue 1 - Spring 2026

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[We need to talk about failure in science](#)

Failure is part and parcel of research, but discussing it sometimes seems to be taboo in science. It doesn't need to be.

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Volume 44 Issue 4, April 2026

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Editorial 07 Apr 2026

[Minimal life by computer](#)

Progress toward a true virtual cell will depend on uniting AI's pattern-finding power with the causal rigor of mechanistic models.

Comment 27 Jan 2026

[China's innovation in translational medicine: rethinking early-stage clinical development](#)

As pressure mounts globally on drug pricing and development cost continues to rise, clinicians and translational scientists in biotech, academia and biopharma companies are re-evaluating when, where and how to launch early clinical programs. These initial patient data become critical to de-risk development programs and allow developers to deploy their limited time and resources on the most promising drugs. We evaluate four fundamental shifts in drug development that appear to be unfolding and may well become critical to future global biopharma success: use of large-scale high quality cohort studies, sponsor-driven investigator-initiated trials, the integration of affordable artificial intelligence with extensive high quality data registries, and China's focus on precision medicine. —

Lingshi Tan, Ken Song, Bai Lu

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NEJM Evidence, a new monthly digital journal from NEJM Group, presents innovative original research and fresh, bold ideas in clinical trial design and clinical decision-making.

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[Uptake and determinants of Hepatitis B vaccination among health laboratory practitioners in tertiary hospitals in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania: A cross-sectional study](#)

Seleman Said, Mary Migiro, Dominic Renatus, Raidah R. Gangji, Lilian Nkinda, Upendo Kibwana, Frank Msafiri, Doreen Kamori, Agricola Joachim, Joel Manyahi, Mtebe V. Majigo, Salim S. Masoud

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Perspective

[Optimizing dengue vaccination strategies](#)

Annelies Wilder-Smith

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<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pmed.1005068>

... Dengue-endemic countries should carefully consider how best to deploy TAK-003, currently the only available dengue vaccine globally. When implemented through strategies aligned with local epidemiology and health system priorities, TAK-003 has the potential to substantially reduce dengue burden. Modeled outcomes consistently show that higher vaccine coverage leads to greater reductions in disease, underscoring the importance of achieving high uptake. Future research should focus on real-world effectiveness, particularly in seronegative populations, as well as the durability of protection. As more countries consider vaccine introduction, flexible, data-driven modeling approaches will be essential to guide context-specific decision-making.

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[A Global Perspective on the Emerging Threat of Zika and Dengue Co-infection](#)

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BY Robert Böhm, Alina Schneider, Cornelia Betsch, Lau Lilleholt

30 Apr 2026: 475-477

Abstract

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) revised its public statement on vaccines and autism in November 2025, suggesting that a possible association between vaccination and autism has not been ruled out with sufficient scientific rigor. Despite its potentially far-reaching public health implications, little is known about how this policy shift, from the previous consensus-based message grounded in the prevailing evidence to the updated uncertainty-based message, affects public perceptions, attitudes, and vaccination intentions. Beyond vaccine-related outcomes, a shift toward uncertainty-based communication may shape broader societal responses, including political polarization around vaccine safety (1), erosion of institutional trust, and increased susceptibility to science-denial reasoning (2)—particularly when uncertainty is emphasized in areas where expert consensus is established. A large-scale online experiment tested the effects of the CDC's shift in communication, showing that the new uncertainty-based statement amplifies public uncertainty, reduces vaccination intentions, and increases endorsement of science denial strategies

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[Local B cell immunity and durable memory after live-attenuated influenza intranasal vaccination of humans](#)

BY Hannah D. Stacey, et al.

29 Apr 2026

Longitudinal nasopharyngeal sampling reveals local influenza-specific B cell responses after intranasal, but not intramuscular, vaccination.

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Telake Azale, et al.

Vaccines 2026, 14(5), 405; <https://doi.org/10.3390/vaccines14050405>

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[Changing COVID-19 vaccine eligibility could reshape disease burden for all](#)

Soren L Larsen, Pamela P. Martinez, Ayesha Mahmud

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[Navigating HPV Vaccination Challenges in Low-Resource Settings: Practical Strategies for Estimating the Size of Out-of-School Girls](#)

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[Estimated Impacts of Rotavirus Vaccine Recommendation Changes in the U.S.](#)

Ernest O. Asare, Jiye Kwon, Melanie H. Chitwood, Stephanie Perniciaro, Gregg S. Gonsalves, Virginia E. Pitzer

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Abstract

In January 2026, the United States Department of Health and Human Services downgraded the recommendation for infant immunization with rotavirus vaccine to one of shared clinical decision-making. We use a validated model for the transmission dynamics of rotavirus to predict the magnitude and timing of increases in the number of rotavirus hospitalizations in the US and in representative states given possible decreases in vaccine coverage. Rotavirus hospitalizations are likely to increase within two to three years following a drop in vaccine coverage, resulting in over 200,000 hospitalizations between July 2026-June 2031 if coverage were to drop to 20%. The burden is likely to fall disproportionately on southern states that currently experience higher rates of rotavirus hospitalization.

[Greater intergroup bias in vaccination attitudes among physicians than the general public](#)

Michio Murakami, Fumio Ohtake

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[Case Report: Conducting Clinical Trials during an Outbreak: An Mpox case report](#)

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[Isabella Kyohairwe, et al.](#)

Abstract

Background

Conducting clinical trials during infectious disease outbreaks presents operational, ethical, and methodological challenges. During the 2024–2025 Mpox outbreak in Uganda, an Mpox case occurred within an HIV-focused clinical trial requiring immediate operational and ethical response. The trial aimed to assess the feasibility of therapeutic drug monitoring and optimize antimicrobial therapy in people living with HIV.

Review Open Access

[Ethical Challenges in Global Health: Undervaluing Traditional Herbal Medicine Amid Climate Change and Injustice](#)

[version 1; peer review: awaiting peer review]

[Ibukunoluwa Akinola](#)

Abstract

Traditional herbal medicine has long been an important resource for health remedies in indigenous and marginalised communities. Recently, the World Health Organisation affirmed that 80% of Africans are returning to the use of herbal medicine and this became particularly prominent during the COVID 19 pandemic. Despite this, traditional herbal medicine remains undervalued within global health systems. The dominance of Western orthodox medicine, coupled with restrictive policies, marginalises traditional healing practices which limits its recognition, acceptance, funding and integration into healthcare systems. This raises critical ethical concerns, particularly as climate change and systemic injustice further threaten the usability, accessibility and sustainability of traditional herbal medicine. Furthermore, climate change accelerates biodiversity loss and disrupts ecosystems, depleting medicinal plant species and disproportionately affecting communities who rely on traditional herbal medicine, especially when they are considered the least polluters. All these challenges create a wide disparity in terms of healthcare for marginalised populations, raising urgent ethical questions about environmental justice, cultural preservation and global health equity. This paper examines the interconnectedness of global health ethics, climate justice and traditional medicine. It calls for policies and practices that recognise traditional healing systems, promote biodiversity conservation and ethically integrates indigenous knowledge into the global healthcare systems.

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[Cost-Effectiveness of a Target Point-of-Care Triage Test for Neonatal Sepsis in Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#)

Maxim Sharakin Fedorov et al.

April 28, 2026

Neonatal sepsis is a leading cause of mortality in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). The current diagnostic standard, blood culture, has long turnaround times and high infrastructure requirements, limiting its utility. Consequently, clinicians rely on non-specific clinical signs for initial ...

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Multi-Ecosystem Competition in Artificial Intelligence Adoption and Diffusion

As artificial intelligence (AI) technologies advance and diffuse across the economy, policymakers face critical questions about how different AI ecosystems compete, how the market will react, and what policy interventions can effectively shape adoption outcomes. The author provides a theoretical framework for understanding AI diffusion dynamics in the presence of competing technologies with heterogeneous value propositions.

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Technology Convergence Is Redefining Competitive Advantage

News 28 Apr 2026

:: A World Economic Forum report finds competitive advantage is shifting from owning key technologies to combining them across data, people and ecosystems.

:: The biggest barriers to scaling innovative solutions are no longer individual breakthroughs but connecting a combination of AI and digital tools with real-world operations.

:: The research shows how technology convergence is already reshaping value chains in healthcare, manufacturing, energy, life sciences, wearable electronics and more.

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WMA - Declaration of Taipei Revision Launched [Ongoing]

...The Declaration of Taipei tries to achieve a balance between the rights of individuals giving their tissue or data for research and other purposes based on confidentiality and privacy rules while at the same time recognising that health data has become a very powerful tool for increasing knowledge.

In analysing the scenarios that already exist for the use (and misuse) of health data and biobanks, we came to the conclusion that the major risk scenarios may not result from science, but from the commercial, administrative or political use of such data. Limiting our guidelines to research only would have left us blind to the imminent risk of abuse from outside the field of medicine: commercialization, cost-cutting and potential political abuse.

Therefore, in contrast to the Declaration of Helsinki, this policy aims to address any use of health databases and biobanks excluding individual treatment and is not restricted to research. As physicians are the primary custodians of confidential health information, they feel an obligation towards their patients and other persons who entrust them with their data and specimens...

In April 2025, the WMA appointed a workgroup to initiate the revision process of this document. To encourage as much global participation in the revision process as possible, the WMA is collaborating with its members to host a series of regional meetings...

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